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## "The Drama of Life"

Lecture by Rev. J. R. Morgan, Farmington Literary Society, April 23, 1915. Synopsis.

"What a piece of work is man! How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, in form and moving how express and admirable, in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god."—Shakespeare.

You, the members and patrons of Farmington's Literary Society, have, no doubt, at some time or other, read and considered these sublime words of the immortal Shakespeare, which I have just quoted for you. Many of you, I suppose, have read them time and time again, and at each successive reading you have found in them new food for thought. Like most of Shakespeare's utterances, these words of his to which I have reference, go below the surface of things and as they sink into the mind they carry with them a thousand suggestions and motives for right living and high resolve. Through the texture of his poems, his dramas and his tragedies the illustrious poet has woven the golden threads of a life philosophy that reveals to us the fact that of all men he perhaps was the greatest observer of men and a marvelous interpreter of the lives that we live. Like Cassius in Julius Caesar, Shakespeare looked quite through the deeds of men. The thoughts we think, the deeds we do, the motives that actuate us for right or wrong performance—these form the essentials that enter into that great drama we call life. And though to-day there be some who deplore the modern tendencies of the stage, still we must not forget that life itself is a stage, we are the actors, each having his own part to play. And no matter what that part may be, no matter how insignificant it may appear to us, it is our part in life and the world and society expect and demand that we act it well. That we are capable of a satisfactory performance in the role that is ours is based upon the fact that each and every human being in whom there is breath of life is a masterpiece from the hands of the Creator, a being wonderfully gifted, a piece of work noble in reason, infinite in faculty, in form and moving express and admirable, in action like an angel, in apprehension like a god.

Longfellow, in his beautiful Psalm of Life, tells

us that "life is real life is earnest." In the stage drama everything is only make-believe. The plot is woven from the brain of the playwright. It has no reality in fact. The players are only impersonators and their efforts are appreciated only in so far as they throw into their work before the footlights something of that earnestness, that sincerity, that heroism, that dissimulation or that treachery that was the motive power of the characters whom they represent.

But how different the situation and the setting upon the great stage of life. There the characters are our real selves each in his own way playing his own part ill or well, working out his own destiny for weal or woe. There are many things that contribute to our success or make for our ultimate failure in life. I shall mention only a few of them.

One of the things that we must learn if we would act well our part is the value of condition. By condition I mean fitness. Its presence in the athlete makes for victory, its absence often brings defeat. If there be one thing more than any other that counts in life it is condition, physical, mental, moral. To get the best results out of a day's work the soul must be right, the mind must think right, the body must feel right. And this holds good whether the work be spiritual, intellectual or physical—whether it be soul work, mind work or body work or a combination of the three. Man is so constituted that a defect or weakness in any one of these essential parts, namely, soul, mind or body, makes its presence felt in each of the other parts and detracts from his efficiency. Health, mental vigor and spiritual strength form a combination that will carry us over the roughest roads in life and enable us to wrench from the world a good living.

But there is more in life than making a living. A living is only the gateway to opportunity. There is even more in life than making money, although if you were to judge by the present standards of success, you would not think so. I heard a story a short time ago about a man who lived as though money were the only object of his life. He chased the almighty dollar so hard that one day he dropped dead. His friends said that he was cut off so untimely by some mysterious dispensation of Providence. "No," said the man who knew him best, "Providence had little to do with it. The truth of the matter is he was kicked to death by the golden calf."

Ruskin, in his essay on Work, says a good thing

about man and money. "There will always be a number of men," he says, "who would fain set themselves to the accumulation of wealth as the sole object of their lives. Naturally that class of men is an uneducated class, inferior in intellect and more or less cowardly. It is physically impossible for a well educated, intellectual or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts."

Ruskin is right. The man who plays well his part in the drama of life sees above the money pile and beyond the bank roll. He sees the vast possibilities of a large service, a service that his country needs and his church demands. Providence has given us a glorious country. I know of only one that is better, and that is the country from whose "borne no traveler has yet returned." And the heroes of our country, from Lexington to Vera Cruz in Mexico, gave up their lives that we might live, that our flag might remain unsullied and unstained and that as citizens of this great Republic we might continue to enjoy "liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In view of the sacrifices laid upon the altar of our country, I believe that all of us should become politicians. Not in the sense, however, that each and everyone of us should run for office, for as matters now stand, there are not enough offices to accommodate those who are already in the field seeking them. But my meaning is in this larger sense, that as the years go by we do all in our power to put the right men in office and keep the wrong men out of office. By so doing we will contribute our share to the making of an ideal citizenship.

Those who played well their part in the drama of life and who now are gone, asleep in their "windowless palace of rest" have left us the inheritance of their priceless example—an example that should be our light in darkness, that should make our pathway through life bright as with the rays of the noonday sun, that should teach us the sweet philosophy of these words:

"I live for those who love me,  
For those who know me true,  
For the heavens that bend above me  
And the good that I can do.  
For the wrongs that need resistance,  
For the cause that needs assistance,  
For the future in the distance  
And the good that I can do."

## ON GETTING RICH

Often we have wondered how men get rich, but we have never worried about it. Why they are so intent on getting rich, however, has caused us sleepless nights. The more we have thought about it and looked into it, the more we have become convinced that rich men are weak victims of circumstances; persons caught in the current, so to speak, and whirled along at a terrific rate, and always glancing longingly at idlers who have nothing to lose and nothing to gain, and who are therefore free men. Honestly we would not be rich if we could, for we believe it is more fun to shoot at a mark, than to be the mark. We think Frank P. Walsh, formerly of Kerry Patch, has more fun out of firing verbal bombs at the rich than the rich have in dodging them. Man is a fighting animal, and should never permit himself to get in a position where he has nothing to fight for—nothing to gain by a fight, but something to lose by not fighting. To allow oneself to get in a position like that is in time fatal. It is too tedious and nerve-wracking. The champion is always at a disadvantage. It must be an awful station to be "First in Everything," like the Post-Dispatch, for instance. Think of the yawning abyss under one who is "First in Everything." And can one continue to be "First in Everything" unless he continues to fight, and how can he continue to be "First in Everything" if he fights? We sincerely hope we will never be "First in Everything." In fact, we wouldn't care to be first in anything, come to think of it, and especially in the manner of sacrificing oneself for a phrase, which analyzed, means absolutely nothing. The tragedy of doing one's best, of holding to one's highest ideal and accomplishing it, is that at once it is up to him to do something better, to struggle toward a higher ideal, for every ideal crumbles as soon as it is approached.

But of all the ideals, the one to be rich, puzzles us the most, and that is why we have been delving into the works of Mr. Robert Holmes, of the J. A. Holmes Lumber Company, and erstwhile director of the St. Joseph Lead Company of Bonne Terre, Missouri. The works in question are called pamphlets. They are directed to the stockholders of the St. Joseph Lead Company. They are more or less voluminous and filled with financial scandal of a sort. Dutifully we have read them, but very perplexed us, although they are well written, and no doubt clear to persons familiar with the purposes and aims of financiers. We quite get Mr. Holmes' point of view and reason for writing these pamphlets. His family are large stockholders in the Lead Company, and he feels that the company is not receiving the benefits of able management. Also, we gather that while Mr. Holmes, being far from a condition of penury, is not particularly intent on increasing his wealth by writing these booklets, (in fact he has refused high offers for his stock, since their publication, because the offers did not include the other and smaller stockholders of the company), we believe he is made unhappy by inefficiency and incompetency, and that, inasmuch as man must be at something or other, he feels it a duty to expose this incompetency and inefficiency in the management of the Lead Company. Also, we gather that Mr. Holmes, realizing that money in itself is hardly a satisfactory goal for a man of his intellect and understanding, feels that to throw himself into a fight of this kind, is more satisfying to his instincts, which appear to us to be honest. In other words, if Mr. Holmes, can be said to have a purpose in this three years' battle which he has been waging against the management of the St. Joseph Lead Company and the St. Louis Union Trust Company, that purpose would appear to us to be a very worthwhile one. He believes in good man-

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## PROGRAM FOR FARMINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY

The program for the Farmington Literary Society for May 7th, is as follows:

Orchestra selection.  
Song—Miss Corine Williams.  
Violin Quintette, with Piano.

Debate: "Resolved, that Education is a greater Asset to a Nation than its Natural Resources." Affirmative, Carl Trauernicht and Cecil Hughes; Negative, Elmer Bowling and Kenneth Blomeyer.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Newt Stone.

Orchestra.  
It will be noticed that the program is just as published last week, except that the debate has been substituted for the Mock Trial, which cannot be given, owing to the fact that certain important documents concerning it, have been lost.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

April 24, Elmer Covington and Lotie Puckett, both of St. Louis.

April 24, Luther Asher and Mona Dalton, both of Flat River.

April 24, Alvin Korber and Miss Emma Estes, both of Farmington.

April 26, Louis Comadim and Annie Schin, both of Flat River.

April 27, Paul G. Benham and Addie Riddle, both of Bonne Terre.

April 27, Homer Barnes of Johansburg, Mich., and Miss Mazie Crawford of Doe Run.

—Locals.  
Lorraine Hunt of Commerce visited home folks and friends here the first of the week.

Dr. Meehan, osteopath, Farmers Bank building. Phone 33. (adv.)

## ESTES-KORBER.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Alvin Korber and Miss Emma Estes drove to the Baptist parsonage and were married by Rev. Mr. Cunningham. Only a few of the immediate relatives were present as witnesses, and the news came in the nature of a surprise to their many friends. They returned to the home of the bride that afternoon, and Monday evening a crowd of their friends expressed their good wishes in an old-time charivari, and The Times wishes them much success and happiness through life.

## NEW YORK SUPREME COURT SAYS CASES MUST GO TO TRIAL

The Supreme Court of New York, on April 15 and 16, refused to sustain the demurrers in the Farmers and Miners Trust Company liquidation case which Mr. Holmes of St. Louis has been fighting.

The coal suits filed by Mr. Holmes were also ordered to trial.

It seems as though the tide might be changing some at least.

## SCHOOL ELECTION AT DE-LASSUS.

The special election last Friday at DeLassus carried the proposition to increase the school levy to sixty-five cents on the hundred dollars. This was carried by a big majority and will enable the school district to have a two hundred dollar bonus as a gift from the state.

50c will bring you The Times 5 months—all the interesting news about farming, poultry raising, etc.

## IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.

We have been informed by M. A. Rhodes, who has recently visited several cities in Southwest Missouri and Eastern Kansas, that industrial conditions are rapidly improving and that the prediction has been made by some of the best business men that by the first of June every laborer who desires employment can easily secure same. Factories that have been closed since the panic and hard times of 1907 are opening up in full blast. Prospects for a bumper crop seem to prevail throughout the country. The price of lead is steadily advancing and in the lead fields of Southeast Missouri we have ample reason to believe that within a fortnight work will be most plentiful, more so than at any other time since the panic. Farmington is a good city and of course will participate in the reign of prosperity presently setting in throughout our land and country.

## THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Designates Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as Clean-Up Days.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen have designated next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 5, 6 and 7, as Clean-Up days for the City of Farmington. Everybody desiring to live in a clean city. The City Council therefore, is asking the co-operation of every individual in this city in this good work. If all work together the Clean-Up days will be a big success. If all do not co-operate, they will not be as successful as they should be. The Board requests and recommends that you get your rubbish piled in receptacles convenient to be reached by the wagons and drivers not later than Tuesday night, May 4th. Wagons will be started in each ward early Wednesday morning and it is hoped to accomplish this crusade for a cleaner city without wasting time and money in useless labor. For this reason your co-operation is especially needed. If the refuse to be hauled away is not placed in receptacles convenient for loading and located near the highways or alleys much time will be wasted. All brush, dried grass and leaves should be burned. The city can use cinders on its streets and will haul them away if such is the wish of the person owning them. The laws and ordinances require that all persons shall keep their premises in a sanitary condition. Therefore, you are requested to use lime or other disinfectant in all damp places and places emitting offensive odors and in all other places where disinfecting will be helpful. Citizens are urged not to wait to be told by the City Marshal to clean up any part of their premises, but it is hoped this will be a matter of public spirit with all and that everyone in the city of Farmington will work toward the good end of establishing a cleaner and better Farmington.

## BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES

The regular April examinations will be held Friday of this week.

Miss Lawrence is successor to Mr. Sigman in the College Bank this week.

Miss Anna Huber spent Saturday and Sunday with parents and friends in Ste. Genevieve county.

William Moothart has been doing stenographic work for the St. Francois County Bank the past week.

Messrs. Sigman and Rehkop passed their shorthand tests under Prof. Beard last week; the former, the second, the latter the first.

The college sold a Monarch Typewriter to Mr. Gower, who has recently purchased the Bill Posting business from Mr. Beatty.

Prof. Kinder leaves for Greenville Friday, where he delivers the class address at the graduation exercises of the Wayne County Rural Schools Friday night.

President Moothart is spending a few days in the country, but expects to be in charge of the school Friday, giving examinations and shorthand tests.

Prof. Cecil Hughes has enrolled for special work in the shorthand and typewriting departments, for six weeks, after which time he expects to give up his work with us, and take summer school training in the State University at Columbia. Mr. Hughes has been selected principal of the East ward school at Flat River, for this coming year, and we feel confident that all who know him are gratified indeed to see him receive this merited recognition.

Let us kindly suggest to other teachers of St. Francois and adjoining counties, that the acquiring of typewriting and shorthand is indeed a valuable adjunct to the educational work. It is now becoming quite general for young people to secure shorthand before taking up their normal or university work, so if conditions should demand of them to work their way through school by doing stenographic services, they would be prepared.

This, the Farmington Moothart Business College, has purchased the Business College at Bonne Terre as conditions warrant the consolidation of the two schools, and this will enable us to make the Farmington school larger and better than ever before. The furniture and fixtures at Bonne Terre will be moved here, and this equipment will enable us to accommodate a very large number of students; and we are fully expecting to double our enrollment during the next school year. The closing of the Bonne Terre College will not seriously inconvenience our patrons in the Lead Belt, and we feel sure the improved conditions in the Farmington College will more than make up for the distance the students are required to come to attend this institution.

If you read The Farmington Times you will be in touch with the affairs of your county.

## LIVE STOCK REPORT.

There was a very slow opening to the hog trade today with market showing a 10c to 15c lower basis than early yesterday. The top then was \$7.65, with the bulk of the good hogs selling within a dime range at \$7.55 up to the top. A city butcher jumped in and secured some fancy sorted hogs at \$7.70. Along about noon packer buyers came to life and took hold of the 160 to 200 pound hogs a full 5c higher than early.

The total receipts of 10,500 included quite a few pigs, but unfortunately orders were scarce and as a result it was a 25c lower market—the poorest pig trade in many a day. A few buyers took chances at the prices, trusting to luck for orders to-morrow. Pigs 110 to 130 pounds sold at \$6.90 to \$7.25, with lighter kinds at \$6 to \$6.75. Rough hogs \$6.75 to \$7.00.

The cattle market is a dandy and generally 15c to 25c higher than last week's close. Yearlings especially had the call. The top was \$9.25 for mixed steers and heifers.

Sheep market steady. Top springers \$11.00; clip lambs \$9.25; clip sheep \$7.25; wool sheep \$8.25; wool lambs \$10.75. Receipts 1,200.

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